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For : STEEL BAR FOR STEERING RACK  
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF  
THE SAME, AND STEERING RACK  
USING THE SAME

Attorney Ref. : AI 394NP

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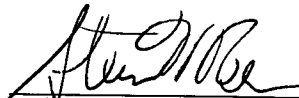
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Attached are copies of seven Japanese publications along with attached computer translations and/or English-language Abstracts. The relevance of four of these publications is discussed on page 2 in the specification, the other three publications are cited in the enclosed Japanese-language International Search Report. All of the publications are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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